

Haudenosaunee Environmental Protection Process (HEPP):

Applying our traditional teachings to protect the
natural world and promote a sustainable society

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Building the HEPP

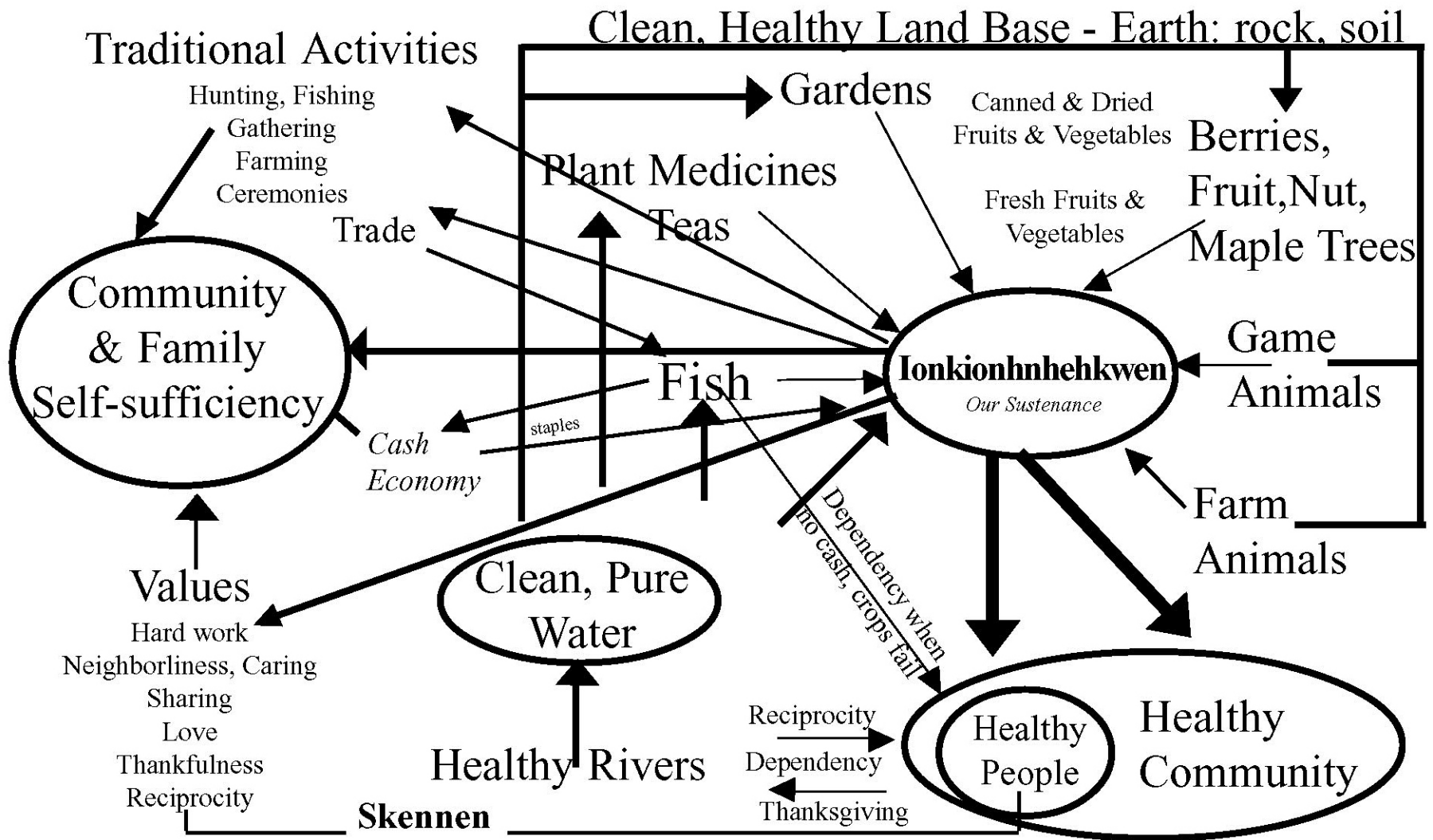
- Researchers' experience, knowledge base, and familiarity with alternative methodologies
- Environmental Projects and Processes undertaken by Haudenosaunee Nations
- Cultural Workshop Series facilitated by the Haudenosaunee Nations

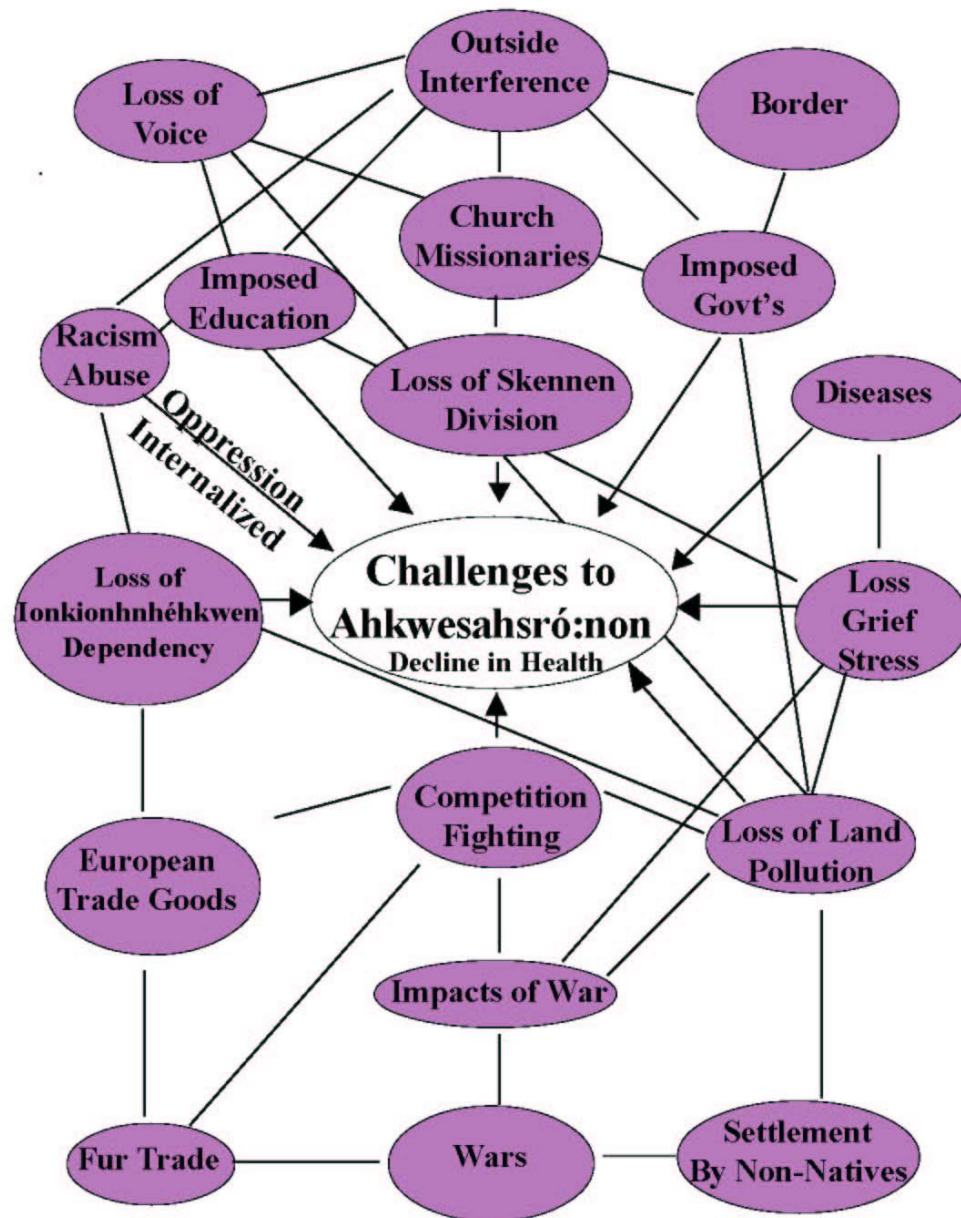


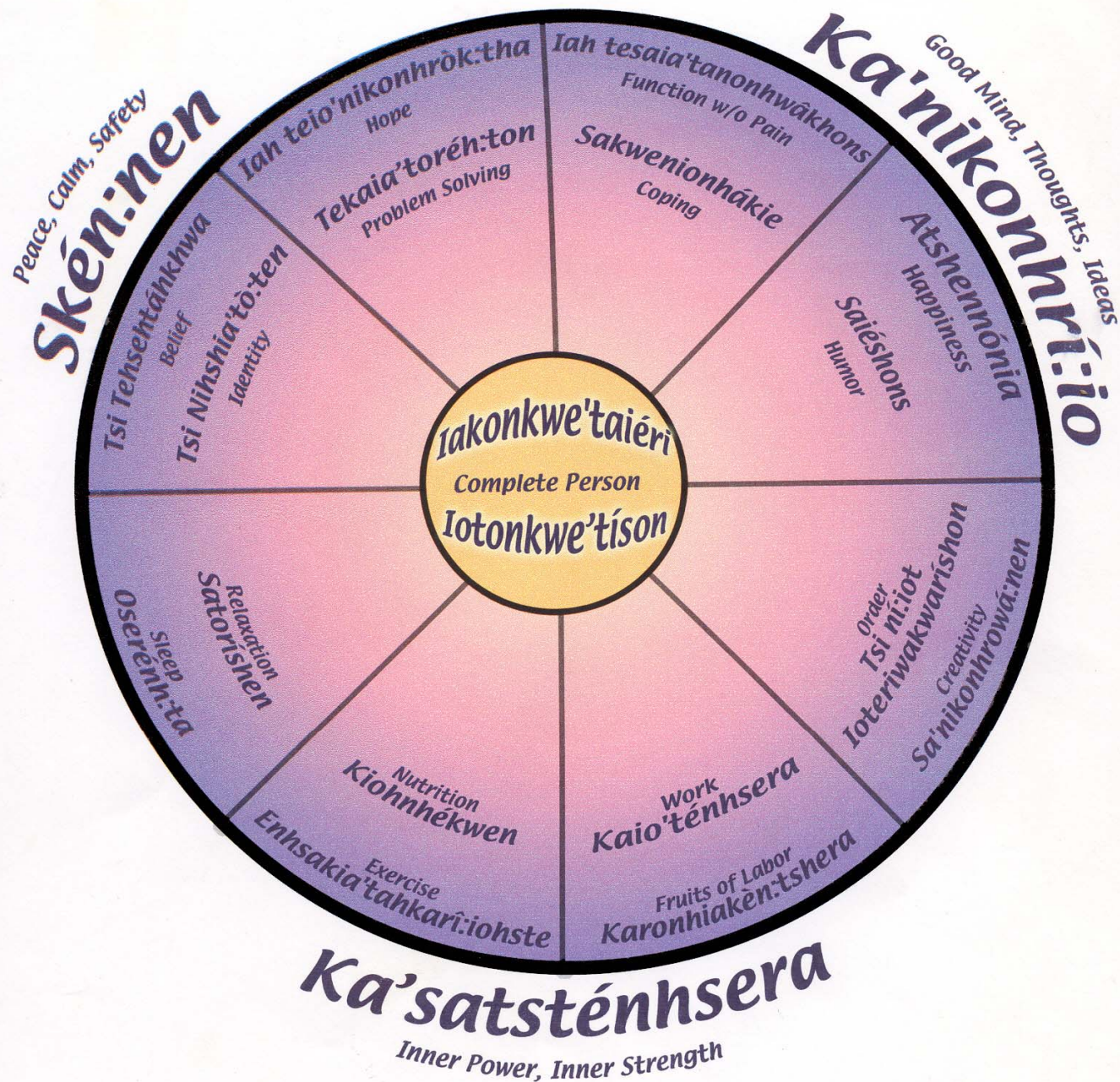
Culturally Based Model

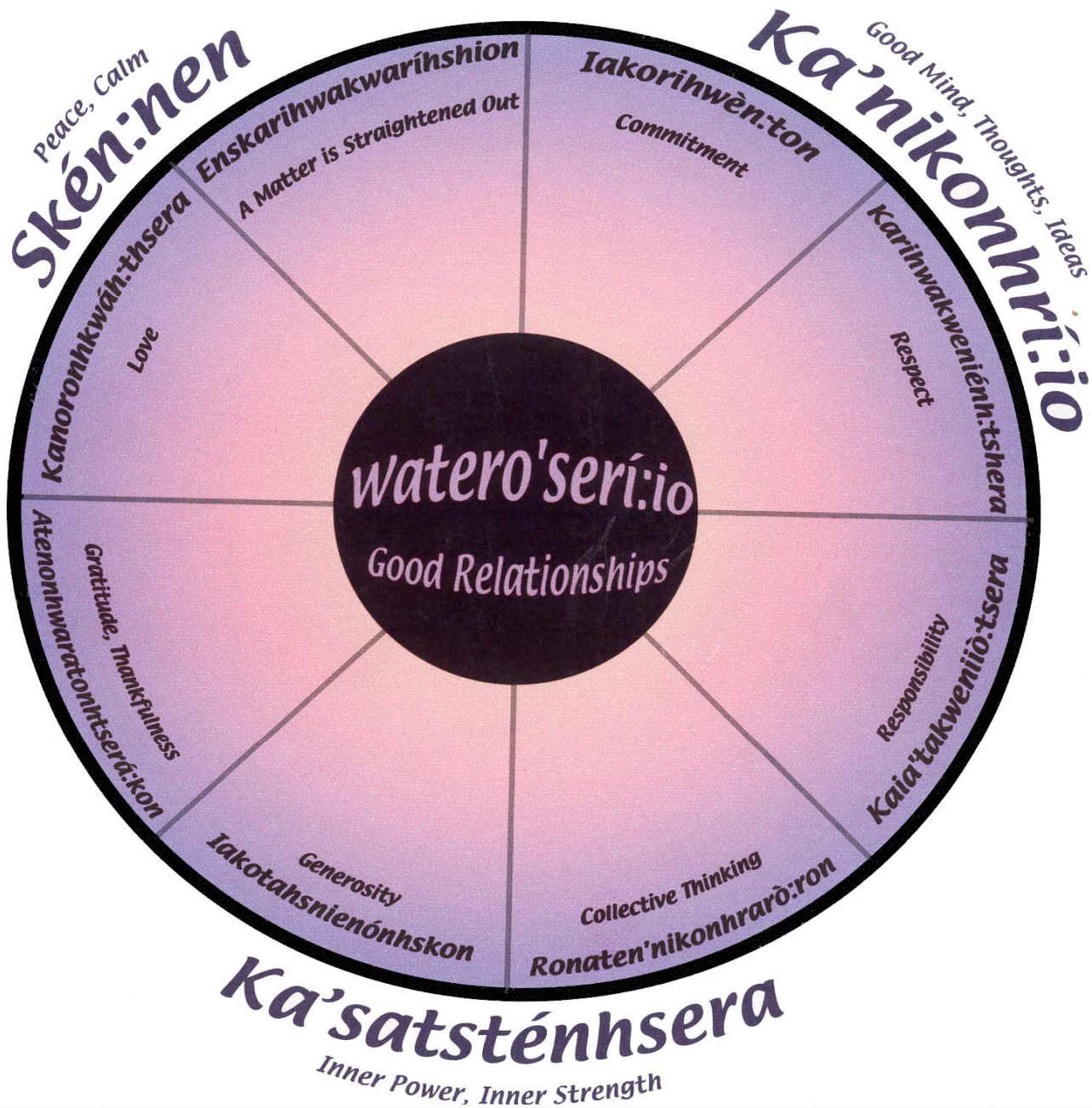
- Drawn from the design of the ATFE Culturally Based Health Model that:
 - Examines traditional teachings
 - Devises key components for Health of the People:
 - Wholeness
 - Good Relationships
 - Survival
 - Translates easily to other parts of the Natural World

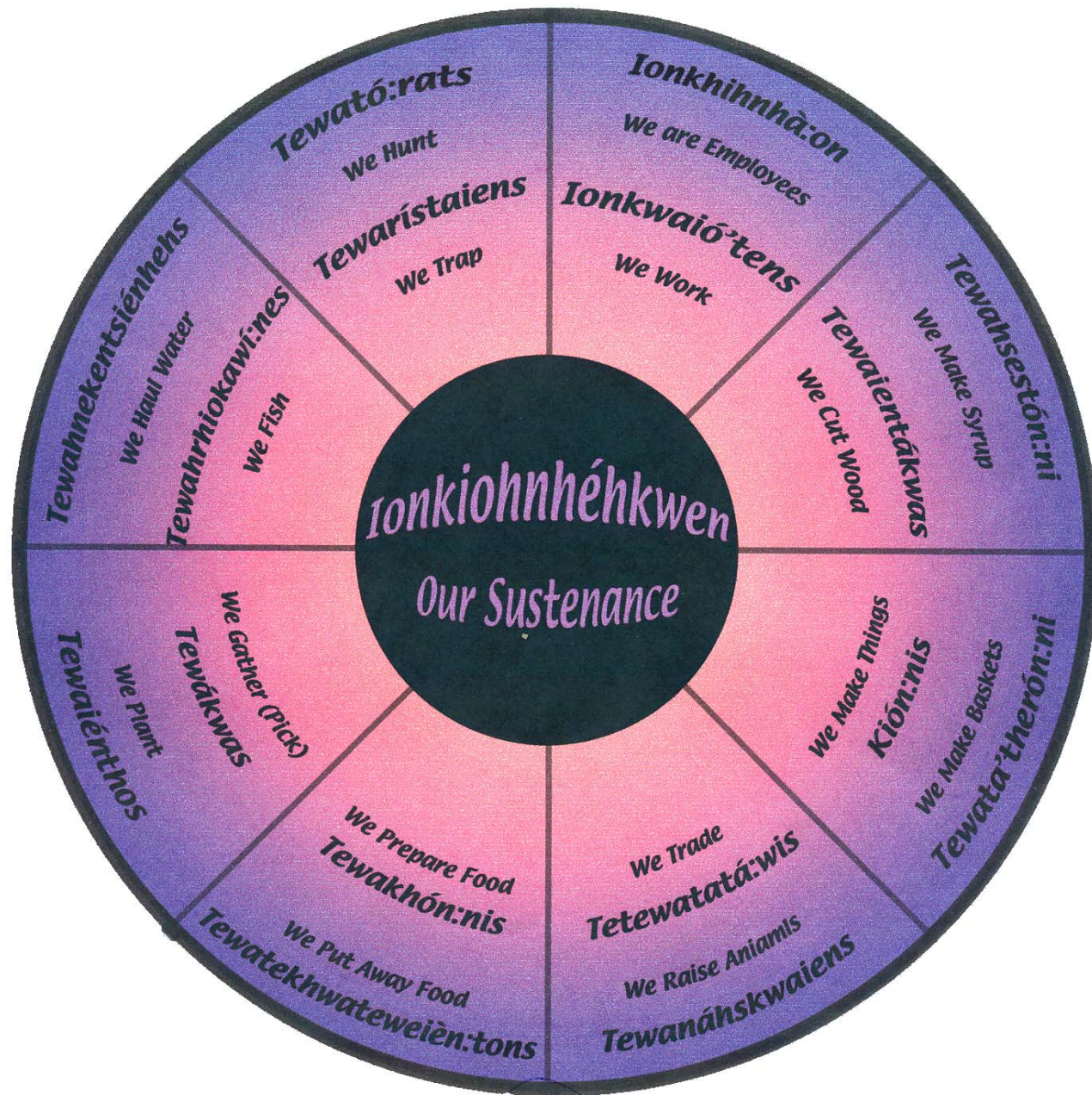












HEPP Composition: Narratives and Categories

- Narratives are designed to give a comprehensive description on the cultural philosophy of each category based on Haudenosaunee environmental knowledge
- Categories are drawn from our Thanksgiving Address: People, Earth, Water, Animals, Fishes, Birds, Plants, Trees, Three Sisters, Wind, Thunderers, Sun, Moon, Stars, Four Beings, and Our Creator



HEPP Composition: Factors, Sub-Factors, and Criteria

- Factors are drawn from the ATFE Health Model for Risk Assessment:
 - State of Wholeness
 - State of Good Relationships
 - State of Survival
- Sub-Factors are drawn from the Three Principles in the Great Law of Peace:
 - Goodmindedness
 - Peacefulness
 - Strength
- Criteria set the stage for measuring the ability of Creation to achieve health, drawn from traditional teachings of the Haudenosaunee



HEPP Composition:

Relationships, Indicators, and Measurement of Indicators

- *Relationships* attempt to depict the interrelationships between each of the “Categories” or components of the natural world
 - Relationship to Self
 - Relationship to Others
 - Relationship to the Land
 - Relationship to the Sacred
- *Indicators* are usually defined and measured locally to each Haudenosaunee nation, while incorporating Western environmental monitoring tools as required
- *Measurement of Indicators* are the methods for enabling humans to determine if Creation is healthy



Example of HEPP Category Chart: Water – State of Wholeness

<i>Sub-Factor: Strength</i>	<i>The Waters continue to cleanse and purify The Earth, Our Mother.</i>	
Relationship to Self	Indicator(s)	Measurement of Indicator(s)
Relationship to Others	Indicator(s)	Measurement of Indicator(s)
Relationship to the Land	Indicator(s)	Measurement of Indicator(s)
Relationship to the Sacred	Indicator(s)	Measurement of Indicator(s)

- Factor Index Tables
 - Each category has a responsibility to another category
- Summary Index Tables
 - Used to document the results achieved after measuring the Criteria from the Criteria Tables

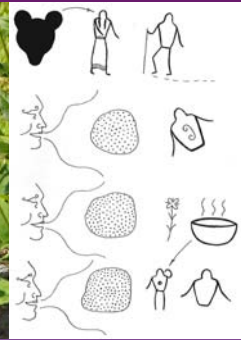


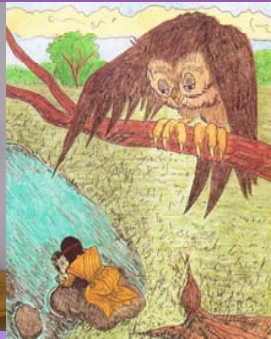
Summary

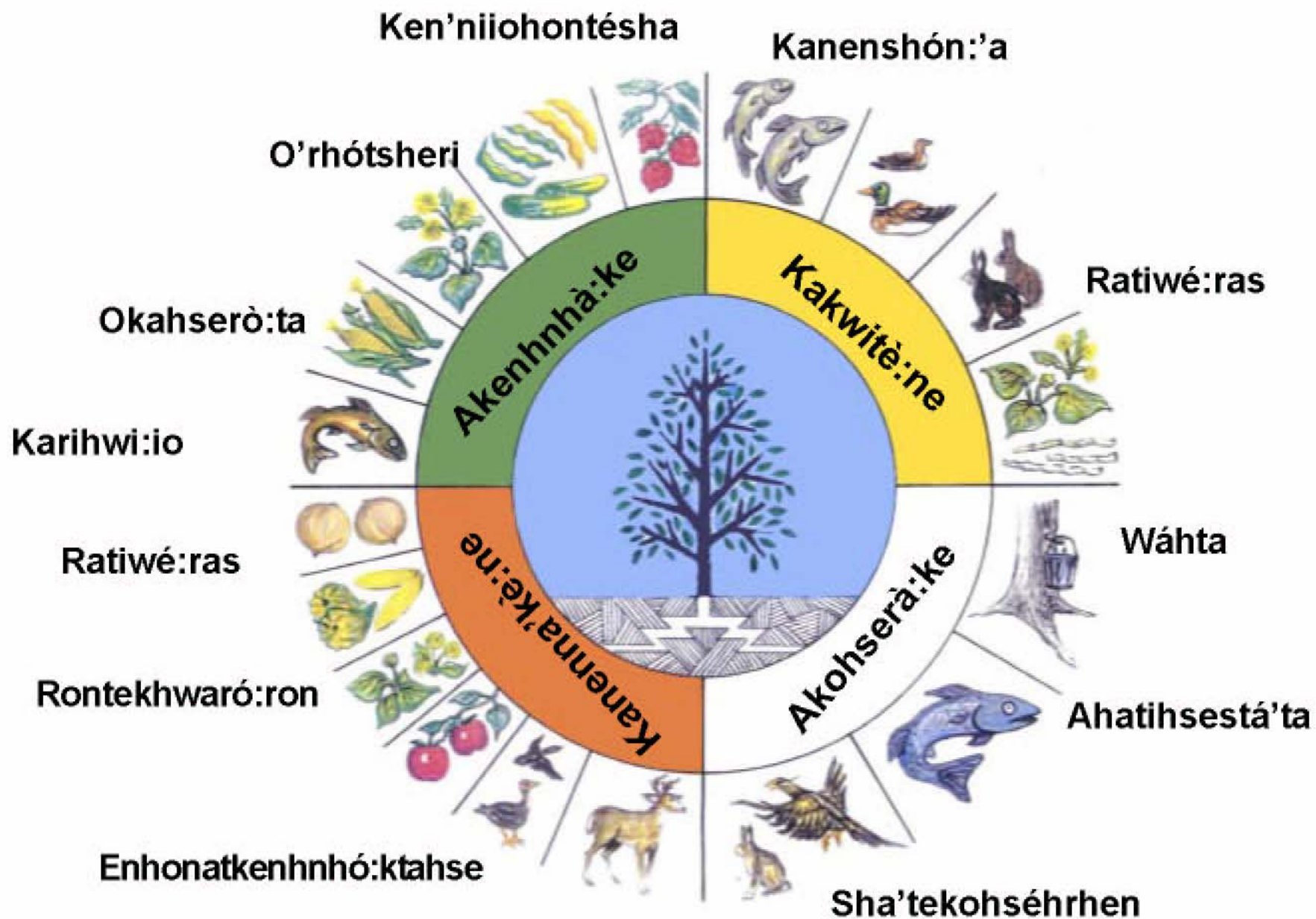
- The HEPP has drawn on knowledge of traditions, teachings and current research and development on environmental protection within Haudenosaunee Territory
- The HEPP is a comprehensive holistic protection process that focuses on the “health” of the natural world
- The HEPP allows integration with Western environmental monitoring tools as required











"Our success lies in the fact that we recognize the value of community knowledge, we collect information in a respectful way, we build upon and establish good relationships while doing our work, we share information with our future generations and we try to use the wisdom we have gained to help meet the needs and address the priorities of the community, so that we may ensure a sustainable future for all of creation."



**Where have we
come from?**

Have we
ensured a future for
the coming generations?

What are we
each supposed
to do?

Where are we
going? Why

What experiences
& knowledge are
we each carrying?

How do we
work together for
the common good?

How do we care for
and support each other?

Have we shared our
experiences/wisdom
with our children?

Is our community
better off because
of our efforts?
Is the Earth?

How do we fix things
that go wrong?



